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In re Patent Application of:

Chris D. Tanton

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application.

This application was filed on December 17, 2001 and the last communication received from the U.S. Patent Office was the Official Filing Receipt dated January 22, 2002.

Applicant filed a Status Inquiry on April 22, 2003 requesting an update on the status of the examination of the application and, to date, Applicant has not received a response to that Status Inquiry.

It has been more than 2 1/2 years since the filing of the above application and Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent Office provide the status of the above application to Applicant's representative listed below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65890-0002 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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